



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD**

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

February 13, 2001

**Norman Worthington Conference Center, Saint Martin's College
Lacey, Washington**

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Members Present:	Tom Charouhas, Chair	Elaine Aoki
	Carol Coar	Nancy Diaz-Miller
	Ken Evans	Sheila Fox
	Emmitt Ray Jackson	Gary Kipp
	Tim Knue	Gary Livingston
	Kay Nelson	Helen Nelson-Throssell
	Ron Scutt	Karen Simpson
	Dennis Sterner	Yvonne Ullas
	Pat Wasley	

Members Absent:	Terry Bergeson	Carolyn Bradley
	Martha Rice	

Staff Present:	Jennifer Wallace	Pamela DeKay
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Chair Tom Charouhas called the meeting to order at 8:37am.

Chair Charouhas shared with the Board about testifying before the legislature on the Alternative Routes to Certification bills that are currently in the House and Senate. Chair Charouhas also relayed compliments given by the legislators.

Agenda Review

Changes to the agenda included: Dr. Lin Douglas presenting to the Board at 1:30pm and a possible work session at the AmeriTel Inn at 7:00pm. Chair Charouhas called for the approval of the agenda.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Tim Knue, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Miller to accept the agenda with changes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Legislative Update

Ms. Wallace provided an overview of the legislation proposed by the Governor that will affect the PESB.

The Senate version of the Alternative Routes bill has been passed out of the Senate Education Committee and that the House is struggling with the language about the full-time mentor.

The Governor requested legislation that calls for rule making authority and the full range of Professional Education and Certification duties to be transferred to the Professional Educator Standards Board from the State Board of Education. The State Board is opposing this bill; OSPI is not taking a formal stand on this issue.

Basic Skills Testing

Chair Charouhas showed a PowerPoint presentation on basic skills testing.

Dr. Fox listed some points the Board needs to consider in the development of the RFP for the Basic Skills Test.

The Board reviewed the decisions outlined in the memo dated 1/31/2001 from Jennifer Wallace. The Board then engaged in a discussion around the topics listed in the memo.

The basic skills test will begin to be piloted in September of 2001 and will be used by October 2002. A well-structured request for proposal (RFP) is very important. The RFP becomes the basis for the contractual relationship with the vendors.

National Evaluation Systems

Les McCallum of National Evaluation Systems (NES) presented to the Board on basic skills testing. NES allows the "customization" of a basic skills test in that the testing committee is allowed to pick test items out of an item bank. NES allows for state ownership of the test.

Educational Testing Services

Rose Payan of Educational Testing Services (ETS) provided a presentation to the Board on basic skills testing. ETS offers an "off the shelf" test called the PPST. The purpose of the PPST is designed to demonstrate that a person has basic knowledge in reading, writing and mathematics. The PPST is available in paper and pencil format as well as a computer-based format that is available on demand.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:45 pm.

At 1:45 p.m., Chair Charouhas called the meeting back to order.

MOTION: Moved by Dennis Sterner, seconded by Carol Coar to proceed in the discussion of the RFP with a Separate RFP committee that is Constituted as the executive committee is.

Chair Charouhas called for discussion. The Board members discussed the issue at length.

MOTION: Tim Knue moved, seconded by Helen Nelson-Throssell to postpone the decision about the RFP committee until the Board receives more information.
Motion Failed.

Chair Charouhas called for the vote on Dr. Sterner's motion. The motion carried.

Basic Skills Test

The Board discussed their "wish list" for the RFP.

Items for consideration in developing the RFP are as follows: gate keeper, basic skills, basic skills enhanced, customized, cut-off score, fairness, administration, state standards, constructive response, purpose and use.

Ms. Wallace shared her conversation with Skip Patterson, representative from the Attorney General's office assigned to OSPI. Mr. Patterson informed her that the current law clearly intends a single basic skills test to be administered by the PESB and that failing to provide a basic skills test would be noncompliance with current law on the part of the PESB. He further stated that selection of a test without allowing testing vendors to bid through release of an RFP would be sole source contracting, which can only be justified if the test selected is uniquely qualified to test basic skills of prospective teachers.

Out of State Endorsements

Dr. Lin Douglas presented to the Board. Endorsements were changed as of September 1, 2001. As a result, a whole chapter of WAC was repealed. OSPI would like to allow a rule change to note an out of state endorsement on a Washington State Certificate. This would allow out of state candidates to earn a certificate without misrepresenting their skills.

Washington State Institute for Public Policy

Maddie Thompson and Barbara McLain made a presentation to the Board on the Washington State Institute for Public Policy Report on Scope of Authority and Governance of Washington Professional Educator Standards board.

At 4:30pm, Chair Charouhas adjourned the meeting until 7:00pm at the AmeriTel Inn.

Chair Charouhas called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The Board discussed what they would like to see the RFP reflect in asking vendors to come up with a proposal for the Washington State Basic Skills Test.

At 8:30pm, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chair Charouhas called the meeting to order at 8:15am.

The Board discussed the assessment test. Dr. Bergeson then expressed her views on the basic skills test.

Public Comment

Ted Andrews explained why he thinks the PESB should be in charge of everything that relates to professional education and professional practice.

Patty Raichle – Commented on Dr. Bergeson’s statement regarding alignment. She thinks it is very ambitious, but that it is probably impossible. She believes the Board has been given a job to create a solution to a problem that does not exist. If the PESB sets minimum standards for every institution, make sure it does not punish the schools. Cost does need to be a determination. Consider people are already putting out a lot of money. Do not add a service fee on top of the basic cost.

Operating Procedures

The Board reviewed the draft of the Operating Guidelines and Procedures and made some grammatical and numerical changes to the document. There were also some substantive changes made:

The Board will review these changes to the document at the meeting in April.

SB 5772

The Board discussed Senate Bill 5772. This is executive request legislation. The Governor has requested legislation over the last three years to create a standards board and transfer duties from the State Board of Education to the standards board. This bill would establish rule-making authority for the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Chair Charouhas read his testimony to the Board.

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Dr. Bergeson informed the Board OSPI will not testify on the bill.

The Board discussed the ramifications SB 5772 would have on Board activities and duties.

Potential areas for Board focus:

The Board discussed potential area for Board focus. The areas for discussion follow:

- Statewide recruitment – Need a more concerted effort in the areas of recruitment at all levels
- Data Systems – Systems that supply the answers for the questions we are asking
- Professional Level Certificate
- Alternate Routes – Are there administrator routes?
- Mentoring – ESA
- Compensation – career lattice v. ladder
- Community College and Higher Education Articulation
- Professional growth and development – ESA in-service. Sometimes what is going on in the classroom isn't what they need. Sometimes the classes they take don't address what they need to learn.
- Educator Assessment – ESA and Administrator
- Performance Based Pedagogy assessment

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Dr. Gary Livingston seconded by Dr. Elaine Aoki to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Motion Passed unanimously.

Mr. Knue suggested that the Board minutes should be posted on the website in some brief form as "unofficial."

Chair Charouhas adjourned the meeting adjourned at Noon.

At 1:30pm, the Board attended a hearing for the confirmation of PESB Members and Senate Bill 5772.